

MINUTES
Westerners International
Executive Committee Meeting, April 24, 2017
Canyon, Texas

The Westerners International Executive Committee Meeting, at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, was held April 24, 2017, with Bonney MacDonald, Board Chairman, presiding. The meeting started at 11:00 AM. Michael Grauer ordered lunch and members paused for a lunch break at 12:10 PM-to 12:25 PM.

Board members present: Bonney MacDonald, Gregg Bynum, Michael Grauer from the Goodnight Corral, Kent McInnis, Chairman Emeritus, Cheryl McInnis from the Chisholm Trail Corral, Jim Jennings, Paul Matney, Kenneth Pirtle, and Rodney Laubhan from the Palo Duro Corral.

Bonney MacDonald gave a welcome to all present.

Meeting was called to order. Approval of minutes

Motion was made by Jim Jennings and seconded by Michael Grauer to accept the minutes of the February 4th 2017 Board of Directors Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Updates were presented by Chairman MacDonald:

Expenses for the last move of office items from Oklahoma City have been completed and the books in the office are now in the new bookcases. Expenses for the move will be taken care of and acknowledged fully at the August meeting.

Bonney MacDonald reported that all office equipment would be up and running by the end of April and that files are almost complete. The office should all be open by mid-May.

Sale of merchandise was discussed, focusing on finding some local providers and using the ones in Oklahoma City for now. Sale of merchandise in the museum store is to be investigated by Michael Grauer and a revision of prices for merchandise will be made by the Chairman in the fall.

The web pages are being revised with the assistance of our web programmer, Sharon Kasper.

Awards nominations are coming in and winners of categories will be made in house. The Heads-Up and Danielson Awards will be headed up by a committee with Jim Jennings providing leadership.

Finance Report by Gregg Bynum:

Assents in Amarillo National Bank as of 4-20-2017 are \$1,291.35.

After expenses for February through April 2017, and deposits through April gives Westerners International a bank balance of \$4,190.95.

Assets in the Arvest account are \$23,933.22. Petty cash balance is \$68.00. Checking account of \$4,190.95 gives a balance for Westerners International on April 20, 2017 of \$28,192.73.

Gregg Bynum provided a report on getting the charter moved from California to Texas. Westerners International filed 10 years of worth of financial reports to prove that we are a non-profit. Once approved, Home Ranch will move the charter to Texas.

A report was given on the costs of the newsletter, *The Buckskin Bulletin*. The cost of printing the first issue of the Bulletin was \$2,464.79. We had budgeted \$2,340.00 for printing of two bulletins. The cost of printing our first bulletin is more than our budget for printing costs for two bulletins.

After discussion, with cost analysis of why costs have gone up and what should be done, a motion was made by Gregg Bynum and seconded by Michael Grauer that "Westerners International print and send one four-page copy of the *Buckskin Bulletin* and the remaining two *Buckskin Bulletins* for the year be sent electronic with a PDF copy to the Sheriffs of each corral for sheriff to make copies for members of their respective corrals."

Motion passed unanimously.

Gregg Bynum presented a plaque to Kent McInnis a for Kent's long time contributions to Westerners International. The plaque was inscribed as follows:

Award to Kent McInnis

Chairman of the Board

January 1, 2008-----December 31, 2016

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Kent received a standing ovation from all the board members for an award well deserved.

WHA Report-Bonney gave the report for President Juti Winchester and Kent McInnis reported his findings..

WHA is November 1-4, 2017 in San Diego. Arrangements have been made by President Winchester for the Home Ranch. Room is reserved for our awards final board meeting of the year, awards ceremony, auction and reception. Kent will order awards and certificates and get them to San Diego.

A table in the exhibit hall is booked; only items that will go in the booth are pending at this time. We will be notified when it is time to do this.

An ad has been submitted for the program. Thanks were given to Kent for his input on this.

The WHA Panel will focus on the fur-trade.

Report for Delinda King was presented by Bonney MacDonald. Bonney said that there is a possible study-day for university students in WI offices being considered. We will be pursuing more outreach to other corrals.

Mention was made concerning the Czech Republic sponsoring a Pony Express Ride from Europe-through the United States-to Australia. Ken McInnis provided update information on that planned event. The Home Office will check into the plans.

Schedule for Future Meetings

Board of Directors meeting: Saturday August 26, 11 AM, PPHM

Board of Directors meeting: WHA, San Diego, CA, day/time TBA

Executive Committee meeting: February 2018, day/time TBA

Executive Committee meeting: April, 2018, day/time TBA

Meeting adjourned, 1:31 PM

Minutes recorded by Rodney Laubhan